

HOUSE BILL 1172

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Environment – Gas and Oil Lease Registry**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to establish and
4 maintain a certain gas and oil lease registry; requiring a certain person that
5 holds a certain lease that grants gas or oil rights on certain property to register
6 with the Department in a certain manner; requiring the Department to collect a
7 certain fee in a certain manner; defining a certain term; and generally relating
8 to a gas and oil lease registry.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Environment

11 Section 14–113.1

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2007 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Environment**

17 **14–113.1.**

18 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “REGISTRY” MEANS THE GAS AND OIL LEASE**
19 **REGISTRY.**

20 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A GAS AND**
21 **OIL LEASE REGISTRY.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) A PERSON THAT HOLDS A LEASE THAT GRANTS GAS OR OIL RIGHTS**
2 **ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE STATE SHALL REGISTER WITH THE**
3 **DEPARTMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION.**

4 **(D) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

5 **(I) PROVIDE A REGISTRATION FORM THAT MEETS THE**
6 **REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

7 **(II) COLLECT A REGISTRATION FEE.**

8 **(2) THE REGISTRATION FEE UNDER THIS SECTION IS \$5 FOR**
9 **EACH LEASE THAT IS REGISTERED.**

10 **(E) THE REGISTRATION FORM SHALL INCLUDE:**

11 **(1) ALL TRANSFERS AND ASSIGNMENTS OF:**

12 **(I) OWNERSHIP OF THE LEASE;**

13 **(II) INTERESTS IN THE LEASE; AND**

14 **(III) ROYALTIES RESULTING FROM THE LEASE;**

15 **(2) THE NAME OF THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO**
16 **THE LEASE; AND**

17 **(3) (I) THE TAX MAP AND PARCEL NUMBER OF THE PROPERTY**
18 **SUBJECT TO THE LEASE; OR**

19 **(II) THE LIBER AND FOLIO NUMBER OF THE PROPERTY**
20 **SUBJECT TO THE LEASE.**

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
22 October 1, 2012.